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GAS CHROMATOGRAPHY OF REACTIVE INORGANIC GASES

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A complete glass apparatus was constructed for the purpose of devising a gas chromatographic method for reactive materials. The efficiency of a column employing tetrafluoroethylene powder as the carrier and trifluorochloroethylene oil as the stationary liquid phase was investigated and chromatograms were obtained of common reactive gases such as oxides of nitrogen, halogens, and hydrogen halides.

The optimum conditions were as follows: Daifloil No. 3/Polyfluoron powder 30-60 mesh; 50/100 wt. ratio; column diameter 6 mm; room temperature. These conditions were sufficient to withstand a wide variety of materials.

1. INTRODUCTION

Heretofore, investigations in gas chromatography of highly reactive compounds have been in the development of non-corroding carriers and stationary liquid phases, especially with the use of chromatographic columns using fluorinated resins. There also have been various reports 1-3) on the analysis of halogens and halogenated materials. The present authors, in connection with the analysis of factory gases and components of air pollutants, have made gas chromatographic determinations on samples containing highly reactive gases and have discussed the equipment, separation columns, and methods involved. They have discussed the following: (1) the general conditions for the use of fluorinated resins on the market; (2) the suitability for use with NO2*; (3) a supplementary test, including the actual problems of quantity and operating

^{*} Although there are reports of separation by means of silica gel4), silicone grease5), or by using reaction tubes6), these were not used in this study.

conditions, for chlorine and bromine; (4) adaptability of the method to compounds such as HCN, HCl, and NOCl where details are unclear in the literature. The results were intended to widen the usable limits of the various reactive gases as well as to determine methods which would stand up sufficiently under actual use and to recognize the problems arising in their use. These experimental results are reported herein.

EQUIPMENT

The gas chromatograph flow system was constructed entirely of hard glass; all of the equipment other than the recorder and power source was home-made. To the 6 mm I.D. glass tube sample port, a similar diameter glass tubing approximately 1 cm long was attached at right angles. This was covered with silicon rubber. The entrance port was connected to the chromatographic column with a glass tubing 20 cm long, 4 mm I.D. and wrapped with glass tape to maintain the temperature. This could also be heated with a nichrome wire when necessary. The column was a unit constructed from glass tubing 6 mm I.D. and 1.5 m in length. Three meters, 6 m and 12 m lengths were also used by turning the tubing back and forth on itself. The joint of the column was connected with an approximately 2-cm length of trifluorochloroethylene (Daifluoron) pipe. order to prevent leaks, the joint was sealed with epoxy (Supercemedyne) resin. In this manner, there was no leakage of carrier gas even with a 12-meter column. In changing the columns, the seam was lightly flamed and could easily be taken apart.

A glass enclosed platinum wire (10,~) was used as a The reference and detector cells were aligned and detector. inserted in an aluminum block of approximately 8 cm dimensions, which was wrapped with glass tape to maintain the temperature. A cell current of 250 mA was used. The chromatographic column was bundled and placed in an approximately 6 cm thermostated tubing. The outside was wrapped with nichrome wire and the temperature was regulated from room temperature to 150° C. Furthermore, when cooling was necessary, only the column was placed in a water vessel and cooled with ice. A Pig. 1. A schematic diagram of the equipment is illustrated in

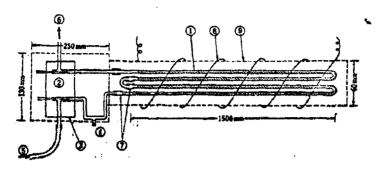


Fig. 1 Diagram of apparatus Pt-katharometer @ Al brock @ Sample inlet Daifion conjunction @ Nicrom wire

The carrier gas was chiefly He. With the samples used in this research, no difference was obtained between H2 or He.
The samples were introduced with a hypodermic syringe. The The samples were introduced with a hypodermic syringe. sliding part was used with or without trifluorochloro ethylene oil. The needle was made either of stainless steel or a drawnout pointed glass tubing. The needle-to-tubing joint was sealed on the outside with epoxy resin. When not in use, the syringe was kept in a dessicator filled with silica gel.

SAMPLES

It was extremely difficult to obtain pure gas samples. However, too much emphasis on the preparation of samples would not have been suitable for a discussion of chromatographic columns; therefore, several impure materials, to the extent that they did not interfere with the determination of the operation or system, were used in the following manner:

NO. In a nitrogen atmosphere, sodium nitrite was reduced with KI and dilute H2SOL and stored in a glass container.

NO2. Nitrogen dioxide was obtained from the thermal decomposition of lead nitrate. It was passed through a P205 tube and trapped in a container cooled with dry ice. air was removed and the trap was brought back to room temperature. For the slide-fitting, trifluorochloro ethylene grease was used. Gas mixtures from the NO obtained from pouring concentrated H2SO1 /sic/ on copper was also used.
Cl2. From bombs and stored in glass container with

silica gel.

Br2. From the saturated vapor above liquid bromine. HCI. Concentrated $\rm H_2SO_{ll}$ dripped into concentrated HCI. HBr. Concentrated $\rm H_2SO_{ll}$ dripped onto KBr.

NOC1. Chlorine and NO mixed in equivalent amounts and left standing.

HCN.

Concentrated H2SO4 dripped onto KCN.
Concentrated NaOH solution dripped into concentrated ammonia water and dried by passing through a magnesium perchlorate tube.

Gas from a bomb and stored in a glass container. N₂Q.

ċδ₂. Gas from a bomb and stored in a glass container. soz.

Concentrated HoSOn dripped onto NaoSO3.
Approximately 1% concentration of ozone from a generator and used directly.

L. COLUMN MATERIAL

The fluorinated resin, tetrafluoroethylene powder (Polyfluoron) which is used as raw material in plastics. was manufactured by the Osaka Kinzoku Co. and trifluorochloroethylene powder (Daifluoron) were used as carriers. Since these materials are easily compactible soft powders and differ in form from the usual carriers, even carefully heated and sintered materials were tried. Moreover, although the material (Simalite) flame fused at the Shimazu Manufacturing Co. was used, it was difficult to absorb more than 1% of the fixed liquid phase to the flame-granulated material. Thus, this was unsuitable for the present research and was therefore not used. Although the aforementioned material could not be separated to the exact mesh size, it was first separated into 30 - 60 mesh sizes and used after eliminating the clumped scraps and the extremely minute sizes. Approximately half of the materials on the market were usable. Although there is entirely no difference in shape between tetrafluoroethylene and trifluorochlorosthylene powders, the latter has a slight elasticity and in filling the columns there was a feeling of lack of uniformity. Furthermore, it was established that when soaked with trifluorochloroethylene oil, after a long period of use, there is a tendency of the usable time to become poor and the separating capacity of the column to become inefficient. One reason for this is thought to be that the carrier becomes saturated with the fixed liquid phase. For this reason, the former was utilized.

Trifluorochloroethylene oils (Daifloil) Nos. 1, 3 and 50, manufactured by the Osaka Kinzoku Co., were investigated as the fixed liquid phase. Although these have characteristics which overlap, there are still some variations. Near room temperature, the volatility of No. 1 is strong; No. 50 is greasy, and No. 3 was suitable for the aforementioned samples. No. 3 was fractionated at 0.1 mm Hg pressure from 120-150° C. The usable temperature conditions where these oils for the liquid phase are stable are presented in Table 1.

Table I Allowable operation temperature of liquid phases

Liquid phase	Evaporation loss (mg)	Allowable temp limit (*C)	
Daiffell No. 1	390	20	
Dimethyleulfolane	127	80	
Daifiell No. 2	98	60	
#.#'-Oxydiproplonitrile	78	70	
Daifeil No. 50	7	120	
Tricresyiphosphate	2	022	

The volatilities of these oils are compared with other liquid phases whose usable limits are known.

Approximately two ml of each liquid was taken in weighing bottles of 2.5 cm mouth and 3 cm depth and thermally vaporized under the same conditions in a thermostat at 92° C for three hours. According to these results, Daifloil No. 3 indicated almost the same characteristics as dimethyl sulfolane, and can be considered the best for use at room temperature.

With respect to the carrier, the liquid phase could uniformly coat up to 30 wt % (i.e., liquid/carrier at 50/100

weight ratio). Experimentally, the best was 30%. When the diameter of the column was changed, partial coagulation occurred with 4 mm I.D. and the flow of the carrier gas became difficult. Thus, it was necessary to have chromatographic columns slightly larger than normal. With 6 mm I.D. these inconveniences did not arise and a length up to 12 m was used without any special differences when compared to ordinary gas chromatography. Furthermore, it could be used

for a long period of time. Next, the degree of polarity, a characteristic of the liquid phase, was determined. Following Rohrschneider's suggestion?), the result of the determination of the relative positions of the peaks of n-butane and 1,3 butadiene were as follows: With a column length of 12 m and at 19° C, butane appeared at 16.7 cm and 1,3 butadiene at 17.5 cm (chart speed 1 cm/min) when measured from air and the polarity was log 1.05 0.02. According to this, the filler belongs to the group whose polarity is relatively small, resembling the unsaturated hydrocarbons (for example, liquid paraffin, triisobutylene). The chromatograms of hydrocarbons are illustrated in Fig. 2.

Furthermore, with respect to the separation, when the theoretical plates were determined using n-butane, it was found to be inferior to ordinary separation columns.

perimental values are compared in Table II.

This inferiority can be attributed to such things as non-uniformity of the carrier and the column diameters.

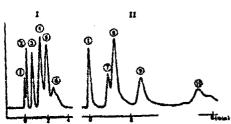


Fig. 3 Gas chromatogram of hydrocarbons

I--Celumn: Datfoil No. 2 IS%/Chromosorb, fm; Temp.: 30°C; Carrier gas: H;, f0ml/min II--Celuma: Datfoil No. 2 IS n/Chromosorb, 3m; Temp.: 130°C; Carrier gas: H; 50 ml/

mis

① Air

② Ethane+Ethylene
③ Propan+propylene
② #-Butane
③ #-Butane
③ Butenen
③ Cyclohenane
③ Xvlenes
③ Xvlenes

Table II Theoretical plate number of sebutane

Column	T. P. N.
Daifiell No. MChromotorb	1100
Daifiell No. MPolifica	570
n-Hexadecane/Chromosorb	1400
n-Hexadecane/Pelifon	. 600
Liquid 20 wir. 6m, Temp. 20°C.	Carrier gas He 30 mi/min

Improving the separation efficiency under the conditions of its use was difficult to achieve. Besides this, when tetra-fluoroethylene powder used as carrier absorbed propane at low temperatures and expelled it at room temperature, when compared to C-22, its desorption is delayed and even at room temperature there is some absorption.

5. EXPERIMENTAL RESULTS

The experimental results for separation of all samples in a column using Daifloil No. 3 and Polyflon powder in a 50/100 wt ratio are presented below.

The Nitrogen Oxides

NO. Used together with air or nitrogen. There was slight tailing of the NO peak when compared to the air peak. At lower temperatures (10° C) it was found on many occasions that the apex of the peak divided into two and thus the separation is possible. However, with columns up to 12 m the

separation was not definite.

N20. A sharp peak after the CO2 peak was obtained. Both were completely separated and each could be satisfactorily determined quantitatively. In general, vapor-liquid gas chromatography, the separation of N20 and CO2 is difficult and in quantitative analysis, silica gel is used. Thus this characteristic of fluorinated resins is thought to be an advantage.

Nuz. Nitrogen dioxide appears after N20; however, it. displays an unusual front-tailing peak. This peak begins to emerge in a section of the previous N2U. Even with Daifloil No. I there was no difference in the appearance. With increasing temperature of the column, the peak sharpened and when increased to 50° C, its area could be measured fairly accurately. The tendency of the peak to improve following the change of temperature can be thought to indicate a lower column temperature with respect to the boiling point of NO, However, raising the temperature is undesirable for separating other components such as N2O. Furthermore, the characteristic of the NO2 peak is such that according to the conditions, unusual changes in shape occur. This unusual tendency arises as follows: (1) when the sample is large; (2) when analysis is made after other samples have been passed through. In these situations it was determined that the effect of temperature change was great. It is thought that the residues of other components in the column were the cause. The possibility of quantitative analysis resulted from re-cycling the NO2 sample (air, NO and N2O gaseous mixtures). The chromatograms experimentally obtained are illustrated in Fig. 3 and 4.

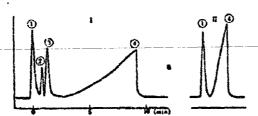


Fig. 3 Gas chromatogram of oxides of nitrogen and carbon dioxide 1:15°C 11:55°C ① Air+NO ② CO; ② N;O ② NO; Carrier gas: Hs 50ml/min

In the analysis of NO2 it was necessary to carefully store and insert the NO2 sample. In storage, the solution was to use Daifloil No. 50 grease on the stopcock of the flask. However, storage of dilute samples over long periods was difficult. The sample collection occurred after passing

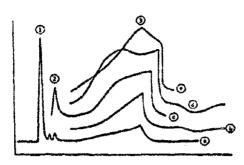


Fig. 4 Distortion of nitrogen dioxide peak

\$-\$\Theta\$ Showing different sample amount 0.1—
2 ml \$\Phi\$ Air \$\Phi\$ N20 \$\Phi\$ NO2

through the silicone rubber, but it was necessary to isolate this section, other than during collecting, from the main part of the NO₂ filled flask by means of the stopcock. Unless this was done the silicone rubber became tacky after two or three days and could not be used. In the experiment to determine NO₂ quantitatively, it was found that the cause of the reappearance of the peak was the syringe itself. Without grease and using a glass needle, it was possible to obtain relatively good results. The results are illustrated in Fig. 5.

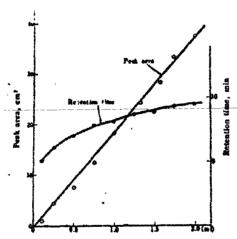


Fig. 5 Calibration curve of NO₁

Temp.: 23°C Carrier gas: He. 50mi/mia

Moreover, it was determined that there occurred a shift in the position of the peak depending upon a change in sample

size. This is also illustrated in Fig. 4. A similar tendency was observed when the sample or column contained moisture. The effect of temperature on the shift of the peak is even more unusual than that caused by other components. For example, at lower temperatures it emerges after the chlorine peak, but at higher temperatures it appears before this peak while the largest distortion occurred at 50° C.

The relative retention times of all samples, the theoretical plate number, and relative sensitivities are given in Table IV. (The results obtained for the following samples are

also presented.)

Table IV Experimental data on some reactive

Compound	Relative retention time (air=1)		Theoretical	Relative peak area
	(20°C)	(70°C)	(air=1500) (20°C)	He (gir = 1
NO	1.00			
HCI	1.251	1.15	1230	1.04
CO:	1.27		1250	1.52
N ₂ O	1.40	•	1300	1.25
H ₁ S	1.37		1200	1.12
HBr	1.50+	1.30	1300	
HCN	1.66		1090	1.86
80:	2.23		770	1.67
Cl ₂	2.56	1.82	880	1.75
NOCI	3.12		830	
NO:	3.787	1.60	430†	1.747.
Br.		5.00	66011	` †
NH;	1.30†		t	*
Ethane	1.25			
Propenc	2.05		560	•
m Butane	4.49		570	

† Varying with water, sample amount etc. | †† 70°C

Halogens. Although the application of fluorinated resins to chlorine and bromine has been reported previously, from the supplementary experiments and even from our column, good separation and sharp peaks were obtained. Thus the suitability to the gnalysis of these samples was determined. The results of quantitative analyses obtained from varying the amount of the same sample are shown in Table III.

Table III Quantitativity of Cl. analysis

amount(m/)	Cla seak area(mms)	Ci,(vol*)
 1.0	1368	21.03
6.8	1111.5	21.55
0.6	807.5	21.47
0.4	\$41.5	22.53
0.2	285	. 22.91
0.1	142.5	21,95

The column was 6 m and the temperature was 15° C. percentage of chlorine was obtained from the peak areas. using the hypodermic syringe a certain amount of error was unavoidable. From these results, it is thought that there is sufficient quantitative character for actual use.

It was found that on the repeated introduction of a

fixed quantity of the sample, the peak areas became larger. With chlorine, an approach to a fixed value was seen. This is illustrated in Fig. 6.

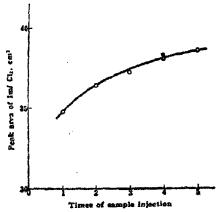


Fig. 6 Variation of Cla peak area Temp. : 20°C Carrier gas : He, 40 ml/mis

With bromine, this tendency again was unusual. It was found that on repeated sample introduction and when a slight pause was made before introduction, the peak areas differed. For example, with the same sample, at an injection time of eight minutes the area was 12.7 cm² and at 20 minutes, 9.83 In quantitative determinations there is a necessity to consider this tendency from the standpoint of handling standard samples and the effect of mixture components. Again, especially in cases where the analysis of bromine is the primary purpose, it is desirable to use higher temperatures with highly overlapping liquid phases.

A symmetrical peak following chlorine was ob-NOC1. tained for NOCl. Moreover, when successive determinations of nitrogen oxides and chlorine are made, this peak appears and

the chromatogram changes.

Hydrogen halides. Both HCl and HBr emerge before Cl2 and Bro. HCl appear simultaneously with C2 hydrocarbon and These peaks exhibited some tailing and in the presence

of much moisture the tailing became severe making the analysis of small samples difficult. Furthermore, in this situation the retention volume becomes large and the change in retention volume with changes in sample size is unusual. These results are shown in Fig. 7.

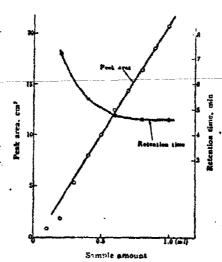
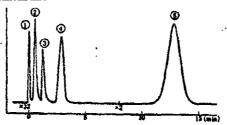


Fig. 7 Calibration . .rve of HCl
Temp.: 18°C Carrier gas: He, 46 ml/mia

At 15°C in the presence of moisture, a chromatogram for complete separation of CO₂ was obtained.

The above chromatogram is shown in Fig. 8.



HCN. It was found that the HCN peak was quite symmetrical and its quantitative analysis was satisfactory. The

position of the peak was between HBr /sic/ and SO2. However, the position of the peak with regard to HBr /sic/ was reversed on occasions.

Fig. 9 is a typical chromatogram for the sample above.

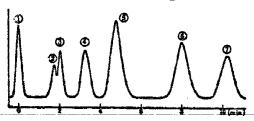


Fig. 9 Typical gas chromatogram of tested

gases
Column: êm Temp. : 20°C
Carrier gas: He, 40 ml/min (I) Air (I) CO.
(I) Has (II) HCN (II) SO. (II) CO.
(II) NOCI

NH2. Ammonia displays an unusual tailing. The effect of moisture was found to be even greater than in HCl and the determination of small samples was difficult. Furthermore, analysis could not be made when the order was reversed with acid samples and, in this case, it was necessary to inject the samples repeatedly.

Samples repeatedly.

The calibration curve is illustrated in Fig. 10 and a chromatogram in Fig. 11.

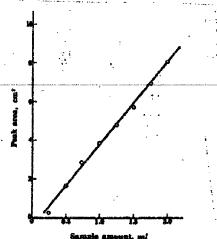


Fig. 10 Calibration curve of NH₄

Tomp.: 4PC Carrier gas: H₂, 40 ml/min

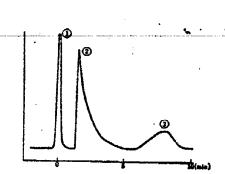


Fig. 11 Gas chromatogram of NH₅

Temp.: 48°C Carrier gas: H₂, 40 ml/mis

D Air D NH₅ D Water

PRELIMINARY RESULTS OF SEED SELECTION IN THE QUANG NINH AREA

- North Vietnam -

[Following is a translation of an article by Mai Van Dong, Bureau of Agriculture, Quang Ninh, in the Vietnamese-language periodical Khoa Hoc Ky Thuat Nong Nghiep (Agricultural Sciences & Technology), Hanoi, October 1964, pp 592-594.]

Many species of rice can be found in the northern sector of Quang Ninh. Excellent species are developing rapidly but many bad species still exist. Many species have been cultivated for many years but due to lack of care and selection some of them are undergoing mixing and regression.

Investigation in some cooperatives (at Dam Ha) has shown the large extent of mixing in some rice species (Table I)

Table I Investigation at Dam Ha

O Hop tác zá	Giống lúa	Tý 14 lần D (%)
BAs-son	Chiem trang Lua mua: Ngan-keng-hong Chin-chi-chooc	20 16 13
Yên-d ah	Chiem trang	15
Yen-han	Chiêm trắng Dop-tài-chim (lúa múa)	12 15

[Legend]: 1) Cooperative; 2) Rice species; 3) percent component; 4) white "chiem"; 5) Main Crop; 6) Dop Tal Chim (main crop).

The increasingly poor seeds have given unstable yields (Table 2).

Table 2

Rice Yields (piculs/ha) at Tien Yen

Ø Tên xã	1950	1980	1961	1962
Dông-ngũ	20	19	12	14
Hải-lọng-đông	24	22	18	19
Yên-than	18	16	15	15

[Legend]: 1) Villages.

Thus, it is important to select excellent seeds that will give high and stable yields.

I. COMPARISON OF SEEDS

Rice yields have been observed through a number of crops at the Ha Coi and Doan Tinh [work] camps and some co-operatives. Results are, as follows:

l. Spring "chiem" rice. Comparison of yields for spring crops over several years (sown 19 March, planted 17 April) indicate that "Nam Ninh" rice has been the most promising species, that its yield is almost stable and is higher than that of white "chiem" (Pac Pha). (Table 3)

The duration of growth of "Nam Ninh" is five to seven days shorter than that of white "chiem" which is an important factor in labor scheduling. "Nam Ninh" plants are tougher and develop faster than white "chiem". The "Nong Nghiep" I seeds of "Nam Ninh" give strong stems, big ears, numerous grains but are susceptible to "dao on" and tiem lua" diseases. Further study in this area is needed.

According to current data, "Nam Ninh" rice should be readily adaptable to local conditions. It is being cultivated by many cooperatives and occupies 70-80 per cent of the area for "chiem" varieties.

Table 3

	Thời gian Năng suất (te/l			
Tên giộng	trường (số ngày)	1961	1962	1963
Nam-ninh Nong nghiệp l	110-115	20 10,5	27,3 27,0	21,25 21,25
Chiem am	115-120	19,0	28,0	6,87

[Legend]: 1) Species; 2) Duration of Growth (Days); 3) Yield (Piculs/ha).

- * In 1963, blossoms fell prematurely
- 2. Main-crop rice. In addition to species existing locally, some species have been imported from China and from the delta regions in recent years. These species are tentatively classified into three groups:
- Local species: "loong xay chien," "tan thuy lien," "dop tai chim," "dai hong coc."
- Species brought from the delta region: "quyet tam" 813, "di huong," "tam thom."
- Species imported from Dong Hung (China): "tan tay duong," "chuc tuy," "moc toan," "chung thu," "ke nam ai," "thap thach kiem," "dong thu bo," unknown No. 1, unknown No. 2.

Yields are summarized in Table 4.

Investigations have led to the following conclusions:

- Among local species, "loong xay chim" and "tan thuy tien" gave the highest and most consistent yields. "Loong xay chim" is tasty, and it has been cultivated in this area for a long time. However, it has become mixed and n eds to be selected. "Tan thuy lien" seeds produce tall and strong plants with large grains. The unhulled grains are red, and they are low quality grains. This species, however, can withstand alkalinity and resist diseases.
- Of the species imported from the delta, "di huong" produces uniform ears. Its short plants are not likely to collapse. "Tam thom" and "quyet tam" 813 are not adaptable.

- In the imported group, "tan tay duong" has been cultivated for a relatively long time. It is readily adaptable to local conditions, and it is becoming increasingly popular. A shortcoming of the "tan tay duong" is its tendency to collapse and to shed its grains. Selection is needed. At present, "tan tay duong" represents a large portion of rice grown in rice-rich huyen such as Dam Ha, Ha Coi and Mong Cai.

Table 4

	Thời gian	NAng	suňt (t	e/ha}
O Ten giống	sinh trường (số ngày)	1961	1962	1963
Coong-xáy-chím	135-140	21	36,00	23
Tan-thủy-liên Dop-tài-chím	150 135	39,3 20.0	39,20	22,8
Dai-hong-coc		# 010	21,70	
Quyét-tam 813	165-170		34,0	20,5
Di huang	150		30.0	17,0
Tam thom	160		26,0	·
Tán-táy-dirong	152		30,0	26,8
Moc-toan	155	,	44,0	27,0
Chúc-tuy	155		37.0	7,5
Chùng-thu	157		40,0	27,0
Dong-thu-ba	159			18,6
OV6 danh s6 2	159			26,4

[Legend]: 1) Species; 2) Duration of Growth (days); 3) Yield (piculs/ha); 4) Unknown No. 2.

* In 1963, the ears came late due to diseases

II. SEED SELECTION

In 1963, various [work] camps and cooperatives carried out seed selection on the basis of observations made by the seed union. Seeds were selected from fields which had received extensive care and high yield (Table 5).

Table 5

Data from Some Cooperatives in Dam Ha on Fields
Chosen from Seed Selection

O Cong việc O Hợp tác		c xā Bác-son	3 Hop tác xã Yên-dịnh		
Cong viec	Huộng giống	SRudng sán xuất	Ruộng giống	Ruộng sản xuất	
© Cay D Bus	3 lugt 3 lugt 20 gánh phân	2 luot 2 luot	3 lugt 3 lugt	2 loot 2 loot	
O Ben let/1 la O Ben thúc/1 la	+ 40 gánh dát	10 gánh phán chuồng + 15 gánh đất + 15 kg P/1 là @ 3 gánh phản G chuồng	15 gánh phân chường + 10 gánh dất 20kg P, với + 10kg N 6 gánh phận chường + 2,5kg N	6 gánh phân chuồng + 35 gánh đất (B)+ 3 kg xác mắm (B) kg N	
@ Lâm cò	chuong 2 lugt	1 luyı	i lugt	1 lugs	
⊕Năng suất (tạ/ha)	35	23	25	21	

[Legend]: 1) Operation; 2) Bac Son Cooperative; 3) Yen Dinh Cooperative; 4) Selection Field; 5) Production Field; 6) Plowing; 7) Harrowing; 8) First fertilization lLa; 9) Additional Fertilizing 1 La; 10) Weeding; 11) Yield (piculs/ha); 12) 20 shoulder-loads manure; 13) +40 shoulder-loads soil; 14) +40 kg. phosphate; 15) 3 kg Nitrate + 3 kg phosphate; 16) 20 kg phosphate lime + 10 kg nitrate; 17) 6 shoulder-loads manure; 2.5 kg nitrate; 18) + 3 kg fish residue; 19) 3 kg nitrate.

- The number of stalks per clump in the "Nam Ninh" species are given in Table 6 for seed selection fields and production fields.

Where single stalks were planted for the purpose of seed selection, the growth was more vigorous, the number of grains per ear was double its counterpart in production fields where multiple stalks were planted. Most cases of single stalk planting occurred during the main-crop season in 1963.

- For single stalks, the number of ears per clump, the number of grains per ear were larger than in the case of multiple-stalk planting for production. And the proportion of empty grains was significantly lower.

Efforts in seed selection from 1962 to 1963 in the northern sector of Quang Ninh provided many fields for single-stalk planting and large quantities of seeds for production during subsequent years in various cooperatives.

Table 6

0	O S6 dknh		Số nhánh đỏ O 1 khóm		1 bóng
Đơa vị	elly	The second second	P _{1t}	Nhiðu nhát	D)t
Yên-dinh	4-5 1	14	6 2	. 50 108	14 60
Bleson	ahidu.	13	4	50	22
٠	dánh 1	11	2	100	32

[Legend]: 1) Unit; 2) Number of stalks; 3) Number of shoots per clump; 4) Number of grains per ear; 5) maximum; 6) minimum; 7) Multiple stalks.

Table 7

1	Chiêm trắng (Yên-dịnh)		Chiém tráng (Bác-son)	
Φ. Trung binh	Nhidu dánb	i dánh	Nhidu danh	dinh
355 bong i khóm	10	8	, 9	6,5
(DS6 het i bông (DT) lệ hạt lép (%)	27 39	82 2,4	38 21,8	75 5,7

[Legend]: 1) Average; 2) White "chiem"; 3) multiple stalks; 4) single stalk; 5) ears per clump; 6) grains per ear; 7) hollow grains (%).